

ACHILLE RATTE CLIMBING CLUB

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BULLETIN No 74.

Dear Members,

After such a terrible summer, it came as no surprise to see a man carrying an ice-axe along Crib Goch on Sep. 22nd. a perfect warm autumn day. After all, there was snow lying at Kingshouse, Rannoch Moor, three mornings in August. this year!

ANNUAL DINNER ANNUAL DINNER ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner had been announced in the meets card to be at the Damson Dene on November 17th. This has now been
CANCELLED.....

It would have cost in excess of £50 for a family of four to have stayed there for one night and bought dinner tickets, and of course it is a long way from Langdale and any other accommodation. So at short notice another venue was arranged Stickle Barn, but was found to be unsuitable for an Annual Dinner. Now The Red Lion in Grasmere has been booked but for Sat 24th November.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE.....

RED LION, GRASMERE ON SAT. 24th NOVEMBER. 6.30pm - 12pm.

Tickets Cost £6 each, and if you intend to stay at Bishopscafe, then the cost of a seat on the coach is £1. Please send your money as soon as possible to Dave Ogden, 28, Briercliffe Ave, Blackpool Phone 63963..... Make cheques payable to ARCC. This is now very urgent, do not delay, this bulletin has been held up by all these changes and you will be receiving it at least a month late. There will be the usual orienteering competition on the Sunday. Mass will be at 5pm on Sat 24th November in Langdale.

SEND FOR YOUR TICKETS NOW ... NOW . . . NOW NOW.

menu .. Fruit juice or leek and almond soup, Roast contrefillet of beef, horseradish and sweetcorn fritter, Roast and creamed potatoes, carrots vichy and celery hearts; apple pie and fresh cream or cherry and vanilla gateau; coffee with fresh cream.

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TYN TWR MEET OCT 13/14th, 1979.

This is a general meet and everyone is welcome. It is not a catered meet, so bring your own food.

Arvon's Climbing Shop in Bethesda where prices already undercut the big name shops in the area, are holding a special sale SALE sale, for ARCC members that weekend. So see you there. If you don't know how to find Tyn Twr phone Billinge 894512.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS1. THE BISHOP'S SPONSORED WALK NOVEMBER 3rd, 1979.

Helpers are required on Sat 3rd November, in Langdale, to assist with the sponsored walk, which raises money for the Lake District churches. Club members help by sign-posting the route from Hawkshead to Langdale, manning check points, and marshalling the route.

Marshalls must stay at their appointed places until told they may leave by the 'sweeper'. After the walk, the evening meal is provided for the helpers.

So be at Bishopscale on Fri evening 2nd Nov.

2. Have you forgotten that it was decided that mini-meets would be held at each hut in turn?

The first weekend of the month at Bishopscale.

The second weekend of the month at Tyn Twr.

The third weekend of the month at Buckbarrow.

3. GLENCOE MEET . . . Fri, Sat, Sun nights 29th Feb, 1st & 2nd Mar '80

Last March, self-catering accommodation near Ballachulish was arranged for 12 people, and it proved to be a very popular weekend. The same place has been booked again and already some places are booked, so phone 0744 894512 straight away to secure your place. £1.25p per night probably. Phone now...now....

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4. The other meets for 1980 will be announced in the meets card and sent out with the next bulletin.

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NEWS . . news . . . NEWS . . . news . . . NEWS . . . NEWS . . . news

1. Best wishes to Dave Fenna and Sheila Garner both going to Manchester to study Business Studies, to Jane Liptrot going to Reading to study Geology and also to any other young members starting their further education courses.

2. There were several minor accidents to people staying in Langdale this summer; Ernie Morrissey hurt his ankle, Andrew Morrison and Matthew Thornton banged their heads, Keith Foster cut his thumb and finally Pat Margiotta was bitten by a dog.

That russet-brown terrier at Basebrown Farm is dangerous, so beware. It looked at Wilf Charnley and I one day but we were saved by a man with a walking stick!

3. Frank Hughes custodian of the Tyn Twr key, has taken early retirement and can now be contacted during working hours at Bethesda 0248 600196 if you are arriving midweek. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

NEWS Cont....

4. The huge boulder above the top of Cenotaph Corner has gone. It slid away one evening in July, just after the pubs shut, taking with it holds on Right Wall, the path to the foot of Spiral Stairs and it left campers at Pont y Cromlech 500ft below, nervous wrecks. It then continued down to the Cromlech Boulders and proves without doubt where they came from.
5. No Fell Race news. The reporters must have emigrated.
6. An expedition including two elephants have successfully re-traced part of Hannibals route over the Alps. When the elephants were descending the narrow path from the Col du Clapier, they very nearly came to grief. The group included a former philosophy professor, a former Folies Bergere dancer, a Los Angeles business man and a circus owner.
7. To Let 3 berth caravan above Bethesda. Garden site, suit climbers. Phone Bethesda 600932.
8. SNOWDON BIKE RACE was won by RAF Valley A Team which included ex ARCC member Pete Kay, a new ARCC member Stan Owen in 2hrs 17 mins. The bike, a standard heavyweight RAF machine has to be complete and rideable at the start and finish of the race.
9. Wanted Folding bike in good condition. Name your price! Phone 0744 894512.
10. Please send your articles for publication to the Bulletin Editor, Joyce Foster, 29, Braeside Cres, Billinge, Nr. Wigan. I know that many members have been to exciting places this year, so write it down and send it to me!
11. Sincere thanks to Father Dave Lannon, who has kindly offered to help with the bulletin. I only do the nice bit now; collect the information and type the stencils, although that takes long enough. Dave now does all the donkey work. addressing the envelopes, duplicating, counting, stapling folding, stuffing into envelopes, stamping and finally posting.

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Subs Sec. Ney Haigh, 752, Devonshire Rd, Blackpool. 0253 54505.

Buckharrow Warden: Frank Whittle, Greengarth Hostel, Holmrook,
Nr. Seascale, Cumbria.

Langdale Warden: Harry Wiggins Kendal 24486.

Tyn Twr Warden: John Foster Billinge 894512.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES BOOK.July Meeting:

Hut Wardens reports; Dunmail: Tom gave a detailed list of work done since the last meeting, some 90 hours of effort. Receipts this year amount to £690 70p.

The question of cleaning was discussed. Authorisation was given for Tom to engage a local cleaner for Sat morning work. At present the Hut is cleaned every Sat by Tom's wife Rita, after the party has left.

Discussion took place on the division of the main dorm. and pointing and rendering the front gable. An estimate is to be obtained for the front gable.

Langdale: The working weekend had been successful and safety rails were fitted to all the top bunks.

23 new mattresses and covers are required and the down-pipe needs repair, and these were authorised. An estimate for a further window in the family quarters is to be obtained and also for a fire door.

Tyn Twr: Authority was given for the completion of the showers and replacement of some mattresses. A detailed estimate for asphaltting the floor is required. The hut had been well used.
September Meeting

The secretary reported the membership at 671 including 177 junior members. The non-Catholic membership is 18%.

Dunmail: Receipts now stand at £1548. An estimate had been received for the repair of the roof at £2297; for the gable front, Tom had been advised that this is a low priority job. The estimate for partitioning the main dorm at £525 and this was authorised, but the roof repairs held in abeyance.

Langdale: Harry reported receipts at £1080 were up to the budget. The mattresses had been ordered and estimates received for the window and fire door, a total of £930. The work on replacing the end window in the far dorm with a fire door and the kitchen window were authorised. A further estimate is required for a suspended ceiling in the family quarters.

Tyn Twr: Joyce reported that she had been told that the hut was quiet this summer. But had discovered that the members staying there had gone for long periods so that the fees were in fact up on last year. A detailed asphaltting estimate is awaited.

Buckbarrow: Frank reported that usage considerably up due to mid-week use by members. Expenditure is in abeyance pending successful negotiation of a further 5 year lease.

The Chairman reported that a member had approached him and suggested a 300 Club. It was decided to ask the member if she would be prepared to run such a club; to provide additional revenue for a proposed emergency fund.

The treasurer undertook to discuss with the Club's Bank Manager for funds not committed, to provide an emergency fund.

Negotiations are moving very slowly on the proposed Polish exchange visit. Next Meeting Fri 5th Oct. Preston.